

Abstract

The diploma thesis “Public Accountability: A Case Study of Operational Programme Employment” sees accountability as social relationship between two actors, in which one is obliged to explain his conduct to the other. The thesis examines accountability regime and relations in Czech public administration on example of the setting and implementation of Operational Programme Employment. The main objective of the thesis is to describe accountability regime in Operational Programme Employment, the existing accountability relations and their characteristics. The perspective of Managing Authority of OP Employment is the starting point for the analysis. 8 relations are presented based on quantitative content analysis of documents, which set up rules of implementation for the OP. More relations are added based on expert interviews. The thesis then concludes that there are differences between content and functions of accountability relations. At the EU level there is an emphasis on outputs and accountability is used mainly for fulfilling goals and targets. At the Czech Republic level the stress is on processes and compliance with rules. The thesis comes to conclusion that Managing Authority must be accountable to many forums, which have different demands and stress diverse contents and functions. Moreover, there are even more forums looking after one sphere (such as compliance with rules), which leads to a situation of permanent uncertainty for the Managing Authority.